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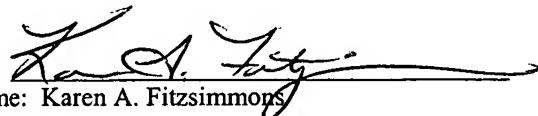
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.